



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena Valley

We are glad you are here.

Please visit our website at www.avpc.org for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

We want you to feel as comfortable as possible while attending worship with us, so here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Midway through the worship services, children ages 4 to 6 years old will be dismissed and escorted to their own church time in Room L-1 of the Education Building. Parents can pick up their children after Sunday School (no later than 10:55 AM please) or after the 11:00 AM service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

Come, let us worship together!

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 23, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Nothing But the Blood”

Your blood speaks a better word than all the empty claims I've heard upon this earth; speaks righteousness for me and stands in my defense. Jesus, it's your blood. What can wash away our sins? What can make us whole again? Nothing but the blood. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can wash us pure as snow, welcomed as the friends of God? Nothing but your blood. Nothing but your blood, King Jesus. Your cross testifies in grace, tells of the Father's heart to make a way for us. Now boldly we approach; not (with) earthly confidence, it's only by your blood.

Words and music by Matt Redman.

We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Adapted from Psalm 116: 1-2, 5, 12-13, 17-19

(Leader) Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

(Congregation) We love the LORD, because he has heard our voices and our pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to us, therefore we will call on him as long as we live.

(Leader) What shall we render to the LORD for all his benefits to us?

(Congregation) We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. We will offer up the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. We will pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD.

(All) Praise the LORD!

Through God's Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Our welcome
of one another
is a tangible
expression of
God's welcome
to us.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice.*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *(Chorus)*

Come young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of his grace.

Over all the world his people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through every age,
Our God is all in all. (*Chorus*)

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

“There Is One Gospel”

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father’s plan, the Son has rescued me.
Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace. My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin.
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life! I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

“Is He Worthy”

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
The light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy, is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? **He is!**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is he worthy, is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? **He is!**
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? **He is! He is!**

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

O Righteous, Holy, and Sovereign God,

**Fix us firm in our faith,
for we are prone to wander;
our decisions are smoke and vapor,
and we do not glorify you,
or behave according to your will.**

**Save us from ourselves,
from the deceits of sin,
from the treachery of our old nature,
from denying your just charge against our offences,
from a life of continual rebellion against you,
from wrong principles, views, and ends;
for we know that apart from Christ,
all our thoughts, affections, desires,
and pursuits are alienated from you.**

**We have acted as if we hated you,
although you are love itself.**

We have sinned in word and in thought.

**O Father and King,
cast us not into destruction,
drive us not from your presence,
but wound our hearts
that they may be healed;
break our hearts with your own hand,
so that they may be made whole.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: "The Cry of a Convicted Sinner".

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God and
call out to him for
healing and mercy.*

*We encourage you
to use this time for
silent reflection.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION • Psalm 85:8-13

Listen to what God the Lord says;

He promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Brothers & sisters—this salvation, peace, and righteousness
is found in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*We receive
assurance that
salvation is found
in Jesus Christ.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #32

PLEASE STAND

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SHARING & PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“It is Well”

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of his voice. Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard. And through it all my eyes are on you. Through it all, it is well. Through it all, my eyes are on you and it is well with me. Far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see. And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea. So let go, my soul, and trust in him. The waves and wind still know his name. It is well with my soul. Through it all, my eyes are on you and it is well with me.

Words and Music by Kristen DiMarco, Horatio Gate Spafford, and Phillip Paul Bliss.

*At this time,
children ages 4-6
are dismissed for
their worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 3:1-8

^{3:1} Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?

² Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴ By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.”

⁵ But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

⁶ By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷ But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?

⁸ And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

SERMON • “Questioning God” Rev. Blake Harris

When you're caught in sin, what do you do? A common response is to shift blame: "I sinned, yes, but it was their fault," or "it worked out well in the end." Paul knows that if we shift the blame, we will never feel the weight of the bad news – that all have sinned and justly deserve God's wrath. And if we never grasp the bad news, the good news will mean nothing. In today's passage, Paul gives several common objections to owning our sin, and they come in the form of questioning God.

I. Is God the Promise-Maker Faithful? (vv. 1-4)

II. Is God the Judge Just? (vv. 5-8)

*As an act of
worship, we give
back to God a
portion of our
many blessings.*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Thy Mercy, My God”

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song; the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace alone from the first to the last hath won my affections and bound my soul fast. Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair; but through thy free goodness my spirits revive and he that first made me still keeps me alive. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found. Father of mercies thy goodness I own and the covenant love of thy crucified Son; all praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

Words by John Stoker. Music by Sandra McCracken.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #253 (vs. 1-3, 5)

PLEASE STAND

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

BENEDICTION

*Our worship
concludes with
God sending us
into the world
with his blessing.*

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (October 24 - October 30)

2 Corinthians 9-10 • 2 Corinthians 11-13 • Romans 1-2 • Romans 3-4 • Romans 5-6

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Dan and Gini H-, serving in Granada, Spain with Serge. Dan is the field director for Southern Europe and Northern Africa and leads the Granada team.

- **COVID PROTOCOL:** Both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary; seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Beginning this Sunday, October 23, our evening Fellowship Meals will be featuring a Dessert Potluck at every meal - provided by you! Dust off your favorite recipe or bring store bought goodies - enough to share with 8-10 people.
- **FALL PICNIC IN THE PARK:** Join us for our Fall Picnic in the Park on October 30 from 4-6 PM. We will have games, food, live music, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in creating a Trunk for our children to visit to get treats, please reach out to Catie@avpc.org.
- **CANDY NEEDED:** There are collection tubs in the Parlor and Welcome Center just waiting for your donation of candy for the Fall Picnic in the Park. Please bring your donation before October 30.
- **CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS:** We are hosting a training by *Church Without Walls* on Saturday morning November 5, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. *Church Without Walls* is a missions organization that brings Christians in contact with Muslims for friendship evangelism. The training is in preparation for a visit to a local mosque in December. Contact Dan Dougherty doughfamily2@psmail.net for more information, and to indicate your attendance.
- **BABY SHOWER:** The women of AVPC are hosting a baby shower honoring Carly Price on November 7, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Amy MacCaugherty, 2832 Cahawba Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242. You can contribute online thru CCB, in the offering plate or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our annual Lessons and Carols Service, featuring the AVPC Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Bell Choir, Preschool Praisers, and other AVPC musicians, will be on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 PM. More information to come.
- **THANKSGIVING BOXES:** Thanksgiving will be here soon and this year we would like to provide 7 families with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Please refer to this week's enews for the shopping list and choose an item to contribute. All items must be brought to the church by Sunday, November 13. Collection bins are in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORKDAY:** Grab your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, work gloves and any other tools that might be useful and join us for our next Altadena Park workday, Saturday, November 12, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Calendar

SUNDAY (OCTOBER 23)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Blake | Romans 3:1-8
 4:00 PM 5th Annual Youth Hippie Games
 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Ministry Night
 Chancel Choir
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Officer Training
 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner with
 Dessert Potluck

MONDAY (OCTOBER 24)

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast
 3:00 PM WTW Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 26)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:00 PM Community Groups
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Youth Small Groups

THURSDAY (OCTOBER 27)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service in Altadena Park
 Brad | Romans 3:9-20
 4:00 PM Fall Picnic in the Park

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPURUNITY:** AVPC is hiring two nursery workers specifically for Wednesday morning Bible study from 8:45 AM-11:15AM. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Catie Lumpkin at catie@avpc.org. This is an excellent opportunity for a homeschooling teen.
- **ATTENTION NURSING MOMS:** we are re-establishing the Library (located off the Parlor) as our Nursing Room. Feel free to close the door and listen to the service through the in-room speaker. Also, remember our Conference Room and Welcome Center are available for parents and kids who suffer with the wiggles, to still hear the service.

	10/16/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$43,615	\$956,496	\$1,027,021	(\$70,526)
Faith Promise	\$4,746	\$243,380	\$251,818	(\$8,438)

AVPC VISION

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

AVPC MISSION

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

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